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In reply to the Office action of May 12, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 17 to 27 and Claims 34 to 40 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.